

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 867, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by
2 deleting the words "the show-me compassionate medical education act" and inserting in lieu thereof
3 the words "mental health support for postgraduate students"; and
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5 Further amend said bill and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said line the following:
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7 "9.153. 1. August 24, 2015, and thereafter the date designated by the show-me
8 compassionate dental education research project committee established in section 191.565, shall be
9 designated as "Show-Me Compassionate Dental Education Day" in Missouri. The citizens of the
10 state of Missouri are encouraged to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase
11 awareness regarding dental education, dental student well-being, and measures that have been shown
12 to be effective, are currently being evaluated for effectiveness, and are being proposed for
13 effectiveness in positively impacting dental student well-being and education.

14 2. The director of the department of mental health shall notify the revisor of statutes of the
15 date selected by the show-me compassionate education dental research project committee for the
16 show-me compassionate dental education day."; and
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18 Further amend said bill and page, Section 9.154, Line 11, by inserting immediately after all of said
19 section and line the following:

20 "191.560. 1. Sections 191.560 to 191.565 shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me
21 Compassionate Dental Education Act".

22 2. No dental school in this state shall prohibit, discourage, or otherwise restrict a dental
23 student organization or dental organization from undertaking or conducting a study of the prevalence
24 of depression and suicide or other mental health issues among dental students. No dental school in
25 this state shall penalize, discipline, or otherwise take any adverse action against a student or a dental
26 student organization in connection with such student's or dental student organization's participation
27 in, planning, or conducting a study of the prevalence of depression and suicide or other mental health
28 issues among dental students.

29 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

30 (1) "Dental organization" includes, but is not limited to, organizations such as the Missouri
31 Dental Association;

32 (2) "Dental school", any accredited dental school in this state;

33 (3) "Dental student organization" includes, but is not limited to, any dental student section of
34 a dental organization.

35 191.565. 1. The dental schools in this state may conduct an ongoing multicenter study or
36 studies, which, if conducted, shall be known as the "Show-Me Compassionate Dental Education

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1 Research Project", in order to facilitate the collection of data and implement practices and protocols
 2 to minimize stress and reduce the risk of depression and suicide for dental students in this state.

3 2. There is hereby established the "Show-Me Compassionate Dental Education Research
 4 Project Committee", which shall consist of representatives from each of the dental schools in this
 5 state and the director of the department of mental health, or the director's designee. The committee
 6 shall:

7 (1) Conduct an initial meeting on August 24, 2015, to organize, and meet as necessary
 8 thereafter to implement any research project conducted; and

9 (2) Set the date for the show-me compassionate dental education day designated under
 10 section 9.153. The date selected shall be for 2016 and every year thereafter.

11 3. The multicenter study may include, but not be limited to, the following:

12 (1) Development of study protocols designed to identify the root causes that contribute to the
 13 risk of depression and suicide for dental students;

14 (2) Examine the culture and academic programming of dental schools that may contribute to
 15 the risk of depression and suicide for dental students;

16 (3) Collection of any relevant additional data including, but not limited to, consultation and
 17 collaboration with mental health professionals and mental health resources in the communities where
 18 dental schools are located;

19 (4) Collaboration between the dental schools in this state in order to share information, and
 20 to identify and make recommendations under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and

21 (5) Based on the data and findings under subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection:

22 (a) Identify the best practices to be implemented at each dental school designed to address
 23 the root causes and changes in dental school culture in order to minimize stress and reduce the risk of
 24 depression and suicide for dental students;

25 (b) Recommend any statutory or regulatory changes regarding licensure of dental
 26 professionals and recommend any changes to common practices associated with dental training or
 27 dental practice that the committee believes will accomplish the goals set out in this section.

28 4. Any dental school that has conducted a study under this section shall prepare an annual
 29 report which shall include any information under subdivision (5) of subsection 3 of this section and
 30 any measures taken by the dental school as a result of the findings under this section. Any dental
 31 school that does not conduct a study under this section shall prepare an annual report stating the
 32 school did not conduct such study. The report shall be made available annually on each dental
 33 school's website and to the Missouri general assembly."; and

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 35 Further amend said bill, Page 3, Section B, Line 1, by inserting immediately after the word
 36 "medical" the words "and dental"; and

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 38 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
 39 accordingly.

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